

E. PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL 4/24/17 85 N. MARKET ST. 7PM

Prior to the regular meeting starting at 7pm the Village and The Ohio Mideastern Governments Association (OMEGA) held a public hearing to hear proposed plans for improvements to park pavilions (the hearing would give the Village points towards being awarded the grant) . Monteleone explained the lower seven pavilions near the community center are in disrepair. Funding for the repair is being sought for the project with a grant from ODNR Nature Works Grant. Ms. Woodland stated the Village would have to pay the difference between the quote for the project and what Columbiana County has allotted for the year, she said we would know if we got the grant by early fall and there is a year from

Mayor Zuch called the regular meeting to order. Present was Mr. Cohen, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Todd, Mr. Tyger, Mr. Walker and Mr. Yokley. Also present was Village manager Pete Monteleone, Law Director Dave Powers, Finance Director Traci Thompson and Clerk Misti Martin. The minutes of the April 10 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Walker seconded by Mr. Cohen. There were no agenda items.

CLERK: Clerk Misti Martin stated there would be a Planning Commission meeting Thursday May 4 at 7:30 for review and return to council of written recommendations for Ord. 11-2017 in reference to Livestock. She also stated the Charter required Public Hearing for Ord. 11-2017 would be held prior to the regular meeting at 6:30(the third reading and vote on Ord. 11-2017 would follow the public hearing at the regular meeting).

MAYOR: Mayor Zuch reminded residents not to discharge grass clippings into the street.

MANAGER: Monteleone stated we had the spring clean up and it went very well, he thanked CSI for all of their work and JDS Landscaping for taking all of the wood from the clean up. The park is moving forward getting prepped for summer including the pool being power washed. The summer help is being hired, he said normally we hire 80 hrs for the summer, this year they hired 120 hours to try to help offset the loss of the summer county program. He said the meter replacement project is moving forward. He said Leak Seekers completed the leak detection of the entire Village and they found three leaks. Bri Phillis is moving along with the new website and that he attended the National Peace Officer Memorial Service with Chief Dickey, Chief Brown, Officer Johnson and Officer Faust. He stated they met with Sherry Loos from RCAP about the asset management plan, and discussed the water/waste water project, and she gave them a contact name for the Army Corps of Engineers. He said the street paving bids will be opened on Monday May 1 and that ODOT will start milling Tuesday morning. He said they had a brief conference call with OEPA where he explained where things stood, their attorney advised that when July 1, 2017 comes around and we are moving forward we may still come under findings and orders.

LAW DIRECTOR: Attorney Powers there has been a bill introduced into the Ohio Legislature in reference to chickens which will pre-empt local enforcement of livestock ordinances. He said if we want to maintain local control of our livestock everyone should call their representatives. Mr. Cohen stated we are a Charter community and he felt that would over ride the bill. Powers stated for example that as a Charter community we can't restrict gas/oil drilling as it is pre-empted by state law so he feels they can do the same with livestock. Mr. Todd asked about re-election for the seat Mr. Yokley is currently holding and if he had to run again. Mr. Cohen said he would have to run for the remaining two years but also that anyone could run for that two year seat.

STREET: Mr. Walker called a Street Committee meeting prior to the next regular meeting on May 8th at 6:30 pm to discuss the purchase of a new street sweeper.

S/P/R/C: Mr. Cohen stated that Council received two applications for the vacant Park Board seat, but one was ineligible as under the Charter you can't be a Village employee and serve on a board/commission at the same time. Mr. Cohen made a motion that Charles Boyer be appointed to the Park Board seconded by Mr. Walker. All in favor. Mr. Cohen stated council received a report

from Park Board Secretary Bonnie Sansenbaugher, he said the board was unhappy that the DOG Days committee had to pay for use of the Community Center and he also felt that was absurd so he made a motion that for 2017 the Village waive the fee for the use of the Community Center for DOG Days seconded by Mr. Yokley, all in favor. Monteleone stated that the fees had already been paid for this year; Mr. Yokley stated we can give the donors the option of a refund or to re-allocate the money for use on a DOG Days project.

DEVELOPMENT: NO REPORT

UTILTIY: NO REPORT

FINANCE: NO REORT

VISITORS: John & Dot Herbert, Mary Anne Tyger, Trina Woodland, Terri Ward, John Martin, James Hall, Dan Scott, John Davis, Chief Kevin Dickey and Katie White.

VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION: In reference to Ord. 15-2017 (unneeded property) John Martin asked where the property was located; Monteleone stated it isn't real estate it is un needed equipment of vehicles. In reference to the wage ordinance Mr. Todd stated he thought it was to be a bonus not an increase, Mr. Cohen stated they had briefly discussed it being a bonus but decided on a wage increase instead. Mr. Todd stated he feels this is opening a can of worms, he said we told employees we didn't have much money to give raises and then turn around give additional raises to certain employees, he feels council will be hearing about it from the other employees. Mr. Walker and Mr. Elzer stated they had been discussing this specific increase since November. Mr. Walker said this money had already been ear marked for this increase, but Monteleone and Finance Director stated this money was not put in the budget.

LEGISLATION: Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 11-2017 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance amending section 1240.06 (44) of the Codified Ordinances of the Municipality of East Palestine, Ohio by interlineations and renumbering current subsections of said ordinance.** Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 12-2017 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. An ordinance establishing water service charges for the Village of East Palestine, Ohio. Such charges to be used for the operation, maintenance, and replacement (OM&R) of the treatment system and for debt service. Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 13-2017 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance increasing the base sewer rates.** Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 14-2017 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing a \$3000.00 wage increase retroactive to January 1, 2017 between the Village of East Palestine and the Village Manager, Clerk of Council and the Finance Director.** Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 15-2017 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance declaring certain village property unneeded, obsolete, or unfit for Municipal purposes and authorizing the sale of such property.** Mr. Yokley introduced Res. 3-2017 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **A resolution permitting the Village of East Palestine Ohio to use internet auctions to sell personal property including motor vehicles and other property referenced in Revised Code Section 721.15 which are no longer needed for public use or are obsolete or unfit for the use for which they were acquired.** Mr. Yokley called for a vote on Res. 3-2017. Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley. 6 yes to pass. Mr. Yokley introduced Res. 4-2017 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **A resolution for authorizing participation in the ODOT winter contract (018-18) for road salt.** Mr. Yokley called for a vote on Res. 4-2017. Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y, Mr. Cohen-y. 6 yes to pass.

ADJOURN: Mr. Cohen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Walker. All in favor, meeting adjourned.